# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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INDO-VIETNAM BILATERAL TIES
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether steps are being taken by the Government to establish better Indo-Vietnam bilateral ties;

(b) if so, the details of the areas in which Indo-Vietnam ties have been established; and

(c) the details of the discussions held in this regard during the eleventh meeting of the Indo-Vietnam Joint Commission held in New Delhi?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) & (b) India and Vietnam are taking steps to further strengthen their traditional friendly relations by cooperating in diverse areas such as agriculture & animal husbandry, education, science & technology, information technology, oil & gas, railways, steel, mining, etc.

(c) During the 11th meeting of the Joint Commission, the two sides identified new areas of cooperation such as biotechnology, supercomputers, space, ships and shipyards, posts & telecommunications, etc.